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CTIY ATTORNEY UNVEILS USER-FRIENDLY WEB SITE *INITIATES BLOG TO JOIN INTERNET-DRIVEN SOCIETY*

San Diego, CA: City Attorney Michael Aguirre unveiled a revised Web site for the City Attorney's Office today, emphasizing his objective to, "make available, in real-time, the information and documents that are part of a citizen's essential right to know." The site highlights a NewsWatch feature that can instantly let readers know the important issues at the forefront of the public discourse.

"The City Attorney's Web site belongs to the taxpayers," said Aguirre, "and we would like the citizens to take ownership of it and give us feedback. If we can add more information and make it even more accessible, that is what we will do."

Included in the site, found at www.sandiegocityattorney.org, is the Aguirre Report, a web log (blog).

"I am now a blogger," said Aguirre. "In this internet-driven society, I will be adding my voice to the many opinions and media perspectives now available to the public at the tap of a finger."

The City Attorney's Web site includes streamlined features that makes legal documents more accessible and user-friendly to the public, such a direct link to Public Records Act Requests forms, complaint forms to report consumer scams and rip-offs, and an organizational chart of the City Attorney's Office. Also included is a background summary of the City's pension crisis, a catalog of the City Attorney's Interim Reports, including exhibits, highlights of the Office, and other significant reports and legal documents such as the Kroll Report.

In the Media Center is an archive of every press release since Aguirre took office on December 6, 2004, as well as speeches, statements, and video clips of key news conferences. The Community Forum section contains archived presentations from his public forums. Also, San Diegans will be able sign up for E-mail updates and a Community Newsletter that will be launched in September.

The City Attorney thanked the Web Development Services office of the San Diego Chief Information Officer, including Web Manager Ellen Schauer, Web Production Administrator Linell Maloney, and Publishing Service Graphic Designer Ruben Camerino, and their Web team who developed the site through their budgeted infrastructure fund.

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